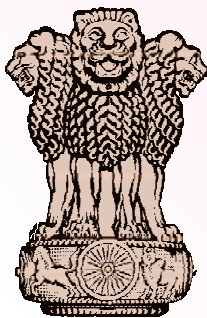


10 OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS



The peacock is our national bird. It is large in size. It has long, blue and green feathers on its tail. It spreads out its feathers like a fan and dances, when it is happy.

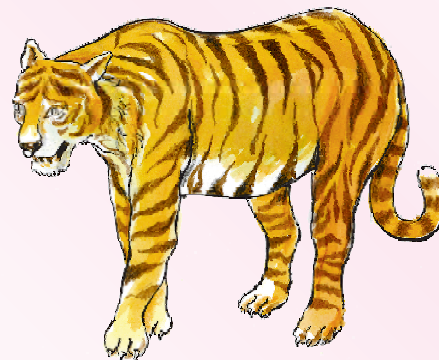
Here is our national flag. It has three colours—saffron, white and green. That is why it is called the tricolour. The flag has a wheel with 24 spokes in the centre. The colour of the wheel is dark blue.



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This is our national emblem. It has four lions standing back to back. The four lions face the four directions. You can see the emblem on our coins and currency notes.

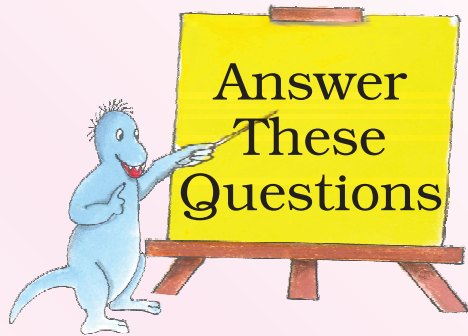
The tiger is our national animal. It is a wild animal. It lives in the jungle. It has stripes of yellow and black. It can move very fast.



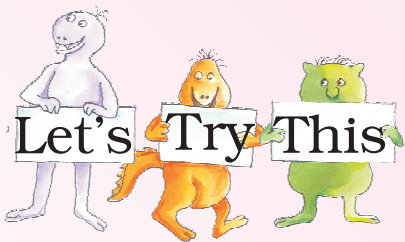
To the Teacher

- Talk about the national symbols in the mother tongue.
- Help the children read the text para by para.





1. Why is our national flag called the tricolour?.
2. Have you seen the national flag? Name at least two days when the national flag is hoisted.
3. Locate the national emblem on currency notes and coins.
4. Write four describing words for
 - (a) the peacock
 - (b) the tiger



1. Fill in the blanks.
 - (i) The _____ is our national bird.
 - (ii) The _____ is our national animal.
 - (iii) Our national emblem has four _____.
 - (iv) The wheel in the national flag is of _____ colour.

2. Solve the puzzle with the help of the clues below. One has been done for you.

Puzzle	Clues
1. P <u>A</u> <u>P</u> <u>E</u> <u>R</u>	You draw pictures and write on it.
2. E _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _	It is a big animal.
3. A _ _ _ _ _	It is a sweet fruit.
4. C _ _ _	It has four wheels. People drive it.
5. O _ _ _ _ _ _ _	It is a sweet and sour fruit.
6. C _ _ _ _ _	This animal lives in the desert.
7. K _ _ _ _	It is made of paper. You can fly it

3. Listen and repeat

cat	cart
back	bark
shack	shark
lack	lark
mat	mart

4. Draw and colour

(i) the national flag



(ii) a peacock feather

